

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An item of jewelry comprising a main body having an inlay area ~~of concave shape~~ formed in said main body and a decorating part secured in said inlay area; wherein the improvement ~~comprising~~ comprises said ~~decorating part~~, said decorating part being is composed of a copper/gold alloy which naturally and uniformly changes color from a copper color to chocolate brown through oxidation and which can be polished back to recover the original color of the alloy; said alloy contains consisting essentially of 6 to 15 weight percent copper and 94 to 85 weight percent gold; said decorating part being secured in said inlay area by a layer of solder in said inlay area between said decorative part and said main body.

2. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said jewelry has a curved surface at said inlay area.

3. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said jewelry is selected from group of jewelry including rings, pendants, necklaces, earrings, cuff buttons, brooches, tie tacks, bangles, buckles, chokers, bracelets, watch band and glasses.

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6. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry of claim 1 wherein said main body is made of a metal chosen from the group consisting of a gold alloy, a silver alloy, a platinum alloy, and combinations thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The item of jewelry of claim 1 wherein said item of jewelry includes a flux applied to said main body and/or said decorating part; said flux being applied to said main body and/or decorating part before ~~prior to the~~ insertion of said decorating part is inserted in said inlay area and before solder is placed about said decorating part at a junction of said decorating part and said main body; said layer of solder being formed by applying heat to said item of jewelry; whereby, under heat, the flux evaporates forming a gap between said decorating item and said main body and said solder is pulled into said gap to form said layer of solder.

8. (Currently Amended) An item of jewelry comprising a main body having an inlay area of concaved shape and a decorating part secured in said inlay area; said inlay area comprising a main channel and at least one groove extending from a side of said channel; said decorating part being ~~composed~~ comprised of a copper/gold alloy that naturally and uniformly changes color from a copper color to chocolate brown through oxidation, which can be polished back to recover the original color of the alloy, and which ~~contains~~ consists essentially of 6 to 15 weight percent copper and 94 to 85 weight percent gold; said decorating part being secured in said inlay area; said decorating part corresponding in shape to the shape of the inlay area main channel;

said decorating part being deformable to fill said at least one groove upon the application of pressure to said decorating part.

9. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry of Claim 8 wherein said at least one groove comprises at least a pair of oppositely positioned grooves; there being a first groove on a first side of said channel and a second groove on a second, opposite side of said channel; said first and second grooves of said pair of grooves being radially aligned with each other.

10. (Currently Amended) The item of jewelry of Claim 9 wherein said main channel comprises two of said pairs of grooves; a first of said pairs of grooves being proximate a bottom of said channel and a second of said pairs of grooves being positioned about midway up the height of said ~~groove~~ channel.

11. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry of Claim 10 wherein said grooves of said upper pair of grooves are shaped differently from the grooves of said lower pair of grooves.

12. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry of Claim 11 wherein said grooves of said upper pair of grooves are generally trapezoidal in shape and the grooves of said lower pair of grooves are generally rectangular in shape.

13. (New) A jewelry alloy consisting of consisting essentially of 6 to 15 weight percent copper and 94 to 85 weight percent gold.

14. (New) The jewelry alloy of claim 13 wherein said alloy that naturally and uniformly changes color from a copper color to chocolate brown through oxidation, and can be polished back to recover the original color of the alloy.

15 (New) The jewelry alloy of claim 13 wherein said alloy is a decorative part of an item of jewelry, said decorative part being inlaid in a main body of an item of jewelry.